

SUMMARY OF AN AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. UDALL  
TO H.R. 462, THE REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS ACT

The amendment makes a number of changes to the findings of the bill to include references to the benefits of commercially remote sensing data.

It amends the grant program the bill creates in Section 4 to ensure that the Administrator gives preferential treatment in awarding grants to those potential recipients that, among other things, make use of (1) commercial data sets, including high resolution commercial satellite imagery, (2) existing public data sets where commercial data sets are not available or applicable, or (3) the fusion of such data sets.

The amendment defines “high resolution” to mean resolution better than five meters.

The amendment strikes Section 8 of the bill, which requires a study of the effect of remote sensing imagery costs on potential State, local, regional, and tribal agency applications of remote sensing data.